

It is about time the FCC truly examined the state of our media. The action of Sinclair Media in broadcasting a 1.5 hour political presentation to support its partisan choice for President over the public airwaves while escaping the Federal Election Commission is outrageous. The public airwaves belong to the public, and no station should be permitted to intentionally air biased or partisan material as a gift to any candidate. The FCC should prevent such unbalanced activities with all the power it has to do so, as this constitutes a gift to a sitting President in excess of ONE MILLION DOLLARS. Balanced reporting is to be encouraged, but such blatant partisanship in the media accounts for the tremendous divide in this country. The radio is already loaded with partisan conservatives who on a daily basis blast their fellow Americans for thinking differently. To allow this to expand so outrageously to the television networks will open the floodgates to even greater and more bitter divisions. Sinclair is only out to change the election results because it can do so. This is the very reason why such entities should not be permitted to own more than one station. With 62 stations compelled to do the bidding of its owner, we allow too much power to be wielded by one or two men. The politicians should not have this level of power at the command of their allies, regardless of the party. If Sinclair is permitted to enter into the political fray without any balance, our precious democracy will eventually be lost, just as we see in China, Russia and others, where the media are controlled by interest groups favoring the government. At the very least, Sinclair should be forced to give equal and equivalent time to both candidates. This travesty clearly demonstrates why licensing of stations must be more closely watched to prevent the accumulation of too much power in the hands of the few. The FCC has an obligation to protect the public against the use of such power, and licenses should not be awarded to the powerful as a matter of course. Our democracy flourishes because all views are presented, and the public gets to choose. Please do your job. Thank you for listening.